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Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 6, line ¹¹²24 and ending at page 7, line 5 to read, as follows.

The control temperature of the heating member is decreased before the discharging of the heating material from the nip is completed, ~~completes~~, that is, the control temperature of the heating member is recovered before discharging the heating material. Accordingly, while the heating material is not inserted, the temperature of the rotary member can be prevented from increasing.

According to the above-mentioned ~~above~~ actions, there can be provided an image forming apparatus in which image non-uniformity such as uneven gloss is not generated even if the heating apparatus is used as an energy-saving fixing apparatus with shorter rising time.

It is preferable that after the insertion of the heating material in the nip starts, the temperature control means increases ~~increase~~ the control temperature of the heating member within L/V , where L is assumed as a distance from the nip to the portion of the rotary member surface to be heated by the heating member along a rotating direction of the rotary member, and V is assumed as tangential speed for rotation of the rotary member.

Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 7, line 22 and ending at page 8, line 14 to read, as follows.

It is preferable that the temperature control means decreases ~~decrease~~ the power supplied to the heating member before discharging of the heating material from the nip is completed, ~~completes~~.